

**JAMUL DULZURA
COMMUNITY PLANNING GROUP
DRAFT MINUTES**

**Tuesday, April 14, 2009
(to be approved April 28, 2009)
Oak Grove Middle School Library
7:30 pm**

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1. **Call to Order Dan Kjonogaard**, Chair, called the meeting to order at 7:30 p.m.
2. **Roll Call: Present:** Dan Kjonogaard, James Talbot, Judy Bohlen, Frank Hewitt, Randy White, Krishna Toolsie, Dan Neirinckx, Earl Katzer, Janice Grace, Janet Mulder, Richard Wright and Wythe Davis

Excused: Linda Ivy, Steve Wragg,
Absent: Martin Muschinske
3. **Motion to approve the Minutes for March 24, 2009 and Agenda for April 14,**
Motion carried unanimously.
4. **OPEN FORUM - Opportunity for public to speak - limit 3 minutes.**
 - a. **Dan Kjonogaard announced** that Jill Blankston of Public Works would be here at the next meeting to talk about the Lawson Valley Road over Lawson Creek.
 - b. **Bob Citrano DPLU** will be here on May 12 meeting to discuss Heidi Lane becoming a fire access lane between Olive Vista and Lyons Valley Road. Nadine Bennett, JDUSD Superintendent will also be present.
 - c. **Richard Wright reminded** us that on April 25 the tenth celebration of the Cuyamaca College Water Conservation Garden will be held, and urged us all to attend.
 - d. **James Talbot reminded** us that the Kiwanis Chili Cook-off will be held on April 18 and all are welcome on Simpson's Nursery grounds. Funds will go towards their scholarships awarded□
 - e. **Frank Hewitt and Wythe Davis will not be at the next meeting.**
 - f. **Judy announced that Dr. Earl Katzer would have an open house on Saturday, April 25 from 11- 3 at his new Veterinary Clinic.**
5. **Otay Water Presentation – Mark Watton, General Manager of Otay Water gave an overview of Otay Water Company.** His PowerPoint pointed out in a water supply overview that approximately 80% of the water consumed in San Diego comes from outside of the County. He went over the challenges to our water supply including the biological impacts. We have very narrow windows of opportunity to withdraw water. The state water project has only two years of storage and our major reservoirs have been drawn down to low levels, which means we need to be more careful with water than ever before. California's water supply is very fragile and with the age of the levees and the environmental problems, it is difficult at best. There are some suggested solutions, but there are also special interests that have put their inputs into the mix. Reliable water supply needs annual rain and snow, water storage and pumping capacity, however the pumping

restrictions have severely cut water supplies from Northern California, as well as the lack of rainfall, snow and water storage capacities. Capacity of Lake Oroville is at 27% , which is critically low. The higher cost of water is due to the supply challenges which make securing water more expensive and then the shift to more-expensive supplies is driving up the cost of water from MWD. The Water Authority passes its increased costs to member agencies and then the retail agencies pass costs to the taxpayers. Otay is trying to keep the costs down, but they need to expend the monies to keep the equipment up to date. From 2005 the cost of treated water rate has increased from \$565 to \$990 in 2010 for an acre-foot. Today it costs about \$1350 to \$1400 for desalinization.

Drought Ordinance Overview – Otay is at a drought watch plan at level 1 today but may have to go to level 2 before too long. Otay has a three-pronged approach to the supply shortage. The first is a tiered rate – which promotes conservation – the Otay Board has chosen to use the tiered rates and think it will do the job. The second is drought rates; pricing signals target the largest water users. The third approach is no allocations – market based pricing preferred.

Otay is looking at expansion of local water supply projects including use of desalination, recycling, and groundwater. **At Level 3, trucks would not be allowed to draw water out of the hydrants.** Diversifying San Diego County's Water Supply came to light in 1991 and the San Diego County Water Supply will be diversified to a greater extent until 2020, when we will have dropped our MWD supplies to 29% down from 2008 at 72% and 95% in 1991. The areas of diversification is to include all of the areas mentioned above.

Krishna Toolsie left the meeting at this point.

Mark Watton says the future holds: Higher prices for water are here to stay.

Landscape irrigation accounts for 60% of water use. Turf lawns are an extensive use of water. You can still have a beautiful landscape and save water and they are encouraging the use of artificial turf and plants with low water use for landscaping.

James Talbot asked about the use of recycled water in Jamul, and **Mark** pointed out that it has a long way to come from the plant. They are looking at using recycled water at Cottonwood and Steele Canyon area before they come out this far. **James Talbot** asked about the desalination plant – cost and time to develop. **Mark** said that the Posidian Desalinization Plan in Carlsbad has taken 8 years to this point and is not ready yet. **Richard Wright** asked the relative cost of desalinization and recycling, and wondered why we weren't pushing the recycling. He asked about the Singer Plant and was it being considered for renovation and expansion. **Mark** suggested that it is possible to get potable water for reuse through reverse osmosis and filtration through the rivers. Pilot wastewater opportunities exist. **Dan Kjonggaard** asked if Otay was looking at groundwater recharge, as are Padre and Helix. **Mark** said that Otay is not seriously considering anything like it now. **Lisa Darroch** asked if SDG&E turns off the power as per their plan, how would it affect Otay. **Mark** stated that Otay would be able to back their supply up, but they are not endorsing the SDG&E proposal. **Michael Cassinelli** asked how they would determine amount of water allotted per family. **Mark** stated that Otay is basing their rates on the tiered approach looking at price points to determine the cost of water. **Wythe Davis** asked if the use of gray water by households would be a good alternative. **Mark** stated that he feels that the water and the piping needs to be kept in good condition, and that might be problematic. **Richard** asked about capturing

rainwater and store in a cistern. **Mark** said his concern was that how much could you store because we don't have that much rain.

Mark introduced Daniel Kay who gave an update on **1485-1 Pump Station Replacement**— Lyons Valley at Peg Leg Mine Road. It is in an enclosed building and the landscaping will remain. **1296-3 Reservoir** project at Bear Mountain Road off of Pioneer Way is under construction – 2 million gallon tank reservoir. Both projects should be finished by January. Construction will start in June. **Judy Bohlen** asked about the damage to Pioneer Way and **Daniel Kay** said that Otay would repave the roads at the end of the project.

Ron Ripperger – spoke about the **Jamacha Road 36 inch steel pipe Potable Water Pipeline**, which will bring water from Lexington and Third to the regulatory reservoir complex in Rancho San Diego down Jamacha Road. Otay is out to bid on this 5.1 miles of pipe and the portion in Caltrans right of way will be completed at night. It will start in late June 2009 and construction will go until October 2010 when it should be completed. They will repave Jamacha from centerline to curb to eliminate any chance of settlement. While this is not within our Planning Area, he brought the information to us as it would impact all of our driving into El Cajon. He also introduced for FY2011 and later including **1296-2 Reservoir** interior/exterior coating and upgrades, **1655-1 Reservoir** 0.5 Mg (P2040), PL-10 inch **1485 zone** Jamul Highlands to Presilla Drive; PL-16 Inch **1296 Zone**, Melody Road – Campo/Presilla Drive. **Dan Kjonogaard** thanked **Mark Watton** and his staff for coming to the **JDCPG** and giving us this update and encouraged them to keep us in the loop on any new projects.

6. **TPM 21107 RPL 1 Renteria – Subdivision Replacement Map – Skyline Truck Trail – Dan Neirinckx and Janice Grace** – This project came before our group in December 2007 and we had some questions regarding the location of building sites being too close together, but the developer found that there were some biological reasons for the closeness of the building sites. Our other question had to do with the driveway proposed for parcels three, four and the remainder, which was answered to Dan's satisfaction. **Ron Ashman, Crew Engineering**, reported that the County asked the developer to do a full environmental biological study as the property is in the MSCP. They were also asked to do an archeological study, groundwater study, etc, and spent \$70,000 before turning it into the County. Then the new Planner told them they needed to have clustering and they asked for a Project Issue Resolution Conference at which the County decided to allow the material to be disseminated and they authorized a biology study. The new planner has different ideas on how the biological environmental problems can be addressed. The fire plan requires three different fire management stages due to the property backing up to the ridgeline and requires them to leave a 195 feet clear zone. The staff asked them to cluster and the developer has had to put the building sites close together as they are restricted from building in so much of the property due to environmental restrictions. The proposed driveways utilize existing roads cut into the property except they need to have them wider just off Skyline. **Dan Neirinckx** moved we notify **DPLU** that we have no problem with the setbacks or the panhandle lot (parcel 4), but withhold our recommendation for final approval until we see any changes the County makes. It is important to note that **JDCPG** does not think this property lends itself to clustering as the County defines it, nor does this proposal represent clustering. The **JDCPG** has expressed multiple times, that clustering does not

fit into our Planning Area.. Motion carried unanimously.

7. **San Diego Gas and Electric Subcommittee Update** –**Dan reported that** Linda asked SDG&E to “set the record straight as to what was going on their Simpson property”. Don Parent said the area was being used as a holding area for the poles being used on Olive Vista. Dan asked that Don check on the status of the poles that are there as our understanding that the wires on Olive Vista will be underground as per their testimony at meetings. **Joe Zulo** reported that parcels in Proctor Valley, 13, 18 and 19 are all owned by Otay Village Three Investments and the last time they were here, they reported that they checked on the “foreclosure deed” and found that it was actually a grant deed from Baldwin to Otay Village Three Investments and presented the grant deed as proof. Those along with Site 16 all have biological problems as well as owners who are not anxious to sell. Site 9 is the Blanco property and has some cultural environmental overlays on the property and Joe points out that it is not considered a desirable site to develop due to grading challenges, they would need to bring the lines across the street, etc. Site 10 – Joe reported they looked at it and did some environmental studies and found that there is a watercourse that runs through the property. They looked at the 5.2 acres in the back half of the property and the property owner did not say they were not interested in selling, so SDG&E is waiting to see what their real estate people find out. **The sub-committee is suggesting that SDG&E contact Streeter Parker and see if there is any interest in locating the sub-station on his Peaceful Valley Ranch property.** **Jim Talbot** pointed out that all of the property we have suggested, SDG&E has felt are not suitable as they have too many impacts with the possible exception of site 10. **Joe** pointed out that they would need to do many more studies including geotech studies, environmental, etc. **Jim** said we should continue working with SDG&E to come up with an alternative site to the former Simpson property, as the Planning Group does not want then to use the property they purchased without our input. Joe pointed out that SDG&E is looking at alternative sites but have not decided to abandon the site they own. **Linda asked them to look at site 10, Peaceful Valley Ranch corner, and any part of any parcel owned by Lakes Entertainment and get back to us at the next meeting.**
8. **General Plan update** – **Dan Neirinckx** went over the sub-committees recommended changes to the County’s draft Update to our Community Plan that he presented last meeting, and went over them with the General Plan Update planners, Bob Citrano and Jimmy Wong. They made very few word-smithing changes and kept the intent as approved by our JDCPG. The draft General Plan will have a change to review when it comes out in July or August.
9. **Sunrise Power Link** – **Dan Kjonggaard** reported that the route has not been changed since they presented it to the CPUC. He assured us that the route has not changed, even though we all received an email telling us it was changed to go through Lawson Valley and Wisecarver. It is the same as presented by Dan Kjonggaard to us over a year ago. **The JDCPG has gone record in opposition to the Sunrise Power Line, as it would cause a further fire danger.**

10. **SB170 Discussion – Modify the Williams Act – to allow under certain instances when it could be overruled.** Martin Muschinske was the member who wished to discuss this item, and as he was not present, it was dropped.

11. **Jamul Indian Village Casino Status Report and Recommendations – no report.**

12. **JDCPG OFFICERS'S ANNOUNCEMENTS AND REPORTS**

- a. **Dan Kjonogaard** announced that he has a copy of the tape of the training for anyone who did not make the training. **Judy Bohlen** asked for a copy and **Janet** would like to review when Judy is finished.
- b. **Dan Kjonogaard** announced that the flashing light proposed by **DPW Traffic Section** in front of the **Jamul Primary** School would be on during hours that are somewhat in line with school opening and closing. **Janet Mulder** told us she had discussed this light with the DPW staff and reminded them that students cross that road on a daily basis for after school sports events, and that the afternoon time may need to be extended. She recommended that they discuss these times with **Nadine Bennett**, Superintendent of Jamul Dulzura Union School District to get her input.
- c. **Dan Kjonogaard** announced there would be a meeting of the Chairs April 18 at which time he will remind the group our stand against clustering.
- d. **BOS agenda April 7 and 8 – nothing in our Planning Area**
- e. **Public Road Standards Adoption will be on the Planning Commission April 24. We gave our input.**
- f. **Traffic Advisory Committee – April 24 – nothing in our Planning Area.**
- g. **POD 0-8015 – Zoning Ordinance Changes proposed – Dan Neirinckx will review and report back**
- h. **Landscape Water Conservation and Ordinance Review – given to Richard Wright to review and report back.**
- i. **Richard Wright reported on the Vegetation Management Plan**, which he felt had to do with decades old plan for planned burns. Fuel age maps in San Diego County showed that much of our land is prime for a fire and susceptible to any fires but especially one that would come over Lyons Peak. He cautioned us to use drought tolerant plants in our landscaping and to clear a large swath of land around our property for fire protection.

Dan Kjonogaard adjourned the meeting at 9:52 p.m. reminding us that the next regular meeting is **Tuesday, April 28, 2009 at 7:30 PM at OAK GROVE MIDDLE SCHOOL LIBRARY**

Respectfully submitted,
Janet Mulder, Secretary

PLEASE NOTE:

**SDG&E Substation Subcommittee will meet on
Tuesday, April 28, 2009 - 6:00 before regular meeting,
Oak Grove Middle School Library**